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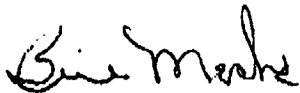
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to express my feelings in regards to the settlement that was reached early last November between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. I feel this settlement is fair and reasonable, and I would like to go on record as supporting the settlement.

Under this agreement, Microsoft has agreed to share more information with other companies, create more opportunities for them, and give consumers more choices. Microsoft must disclose information about certain internal interfaces in Microsoft and must share software codes and books with a technical oversight committee created by the government for review.

During these difficult times, one of our highest priorities should be to boost our lagging economy. Restricting Microsoft will not achieve this. I fully support the settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice.

Sincerely,



Bill Meche